You need written consent to undertake drain clearing on a Crown pastoral lease. To apply for consent, complete this activity form and a consent application form

This activity form asks for details about your proposed grant, change, or cancelation. The application form asks for your details, details of the property, and the activity you’re applying for. The application form also tells you where to send your forms.

If you have any questions about your application, email [pastoraltenure@linz.govt.nz](mailto:pastoraltenure@linz.govt.nz).

Definitions of natural resources and inherent values

This form asks you about the natural resources of the land, and the inherent values of those resources.

Natural resources include any:

* plants and animals
* air, water, or soil in which plants or animals may live
* landscape and landforms
* geological features
* ecosystems

Inherent values are a natural resource’s ecological, landscape, cultural, heritage, or scientific features.

Include a map showing the area and the drains you want to clear

Include a map with your application that shows where you want to clear drains in relation to any:

* roads and tracks
* property boundaries
* neighbouring properties
* watercourses
* wetlands
* existing structures and buildings
* historic sites
* identified sites of cultural significance
* other relevant features of the surrounding environment.

Your map can be a detailed sketch, plan, or aerial photograph.

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| Description of the drain maintenance and clearing required   1. What is the work that you’re proposing?   Describe the clearing, stabilising or maintenance that you’re proposing. Fully explain the work you have planned. | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| 1. What is the current nature of the waterways or drains? | | |
| Range of width of watercourse(s) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Approximate maximum depth of water | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Bed material (e.g., rocky, sandy, silty) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Flows (estimates of minimum and maximum, litres/second or cubic metres/second) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Water colour/clarity | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Bank material (e.g., weathered rock, clay) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Bank vegetation | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Stability of stream banks (obvious signs of erosion) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Fish and invertebrate life (inc. native species) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Bank slope (e.g.,1 metre vertically: 2 metres horizontally) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Catchment characteristics (e.g., steep, forested catchment easy pastoral catchment) | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |

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| 1. What is the catchment area upstream of the proposed location for the works, if known? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Will there be associated works? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What are the site’s inherent values?   Describe the inherent values of natural resources on the site where you propose to crop, cultivate, drain, or plough. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Why is the clearing, stabilisation or maintenance necessary?   1. Describe why the clearing, stabilisation or maintenance is necessary to enable pastoral farming under the lease or licence.   When we’re deciding whether clearing, stabilisation or maintenance is necessary, we’ll consider whether the activity:   * is part of a regular cycle to maintain existing drains * is necessary to use, maintain, or replace consented existing infrastructure or buildings * helps you meet your obligations under any other laws * is necessary to address an exceptional circumstance * is needed for the ongoing financial viability of the pastoral farming enterprise   and any other relevant considerations. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. What negative effects could the clearing, stabilisation or maintenance have?   Describe any negative effects the clearing, stabilisation or maintenance may have on the inherent values of the land’s natural resources. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. How will you mitigate the negative effects?   Describe what you will do to help prevent or reduce negative effects of the drain maintenance. Include safeguards and contingency plans where relevant. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. How you will minimise and contain the mobilisation of sediment, and or bank disturbance? |
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| 1. How will you minimise any damage to riparian vegetation when undertaking the works? |
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| 1. Have you considered alternatives to clearing, stabilising or maintain the drain?   Describe alternatives you’ve considered to the current proposal that would have had less of an impact on inherent values. Explain why you have not pursued these alternatives.  We can decline your application if there are viable alternatives that would have less of an impact on inherent values. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. Do you want to maintain the drain on an ongoing basis?   If yes, explain the ongoing programme. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Do you need any resource consents or permits?   Describe any resources consents or permits you need to do the drain maintenance. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Is there any other relevant information that we should consider with your application? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |